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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CREATING A MULTI-PANEL
VIDEO DISPLAY UNIT GAMING DEVICE

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,775,993	7/7/1998	Fentz et al.			
	5,823,874	10/20/98	Adams			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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